



Sequoia National Forest – Kern River Ranger District



We are available to provide information and guidance to additional resources during normal business hours:

Monday-Sunday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

(Daily Memorial through Labor Day only)

Please **call 760-376-3781** for assistance, or **email** us at:

SM.FS.SequoiaNF@usda.gov

You can also find information on our **website**:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia>

Or via the following social media applications:

Facebook – [@SequoiaNF](https://www.facebook.com/SequoiaNF)

Twitter – [@sequoiaforest](https://twitter.com/sequoiaforest)

OnCell – sequoia.oucell.com

When visiting the Sequoia National Forest, please be aware of the following:

- **Know before you GO!**
- **Pack in, Pack Out** – please pack out all trash and waste
- **Toilet facilities may be unavailable** – please plan accordingly
- **Water** may be only seasonal, unpotable, or unavailable. Please check water availability and other amenity information at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/sequoia/recreation/camping-cabins>
- **NO glass food or beverage containers are allowed** on the Kern River or shores of Lake Isabella
- To review **detailed information on current closures and restrictions, including any related to campfires**, please review **Sequoia National Forest Alerts & Notices** here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sequoia/alerts-notices>
- Please visit <https://permit.preventwildfiresca.org/> to obtain a campfire/stove use permit. ***Always check with the ranger district or visit the Alerts & Notices link above to check for campfire restrictions. Obey all posted signs.***
- **Avoid high-risk activities** – law enforcement and search and rescue operations may be limited
- If an area is crowded, please search for a less occupied location and **practice social distancing**
- There is **no cell phone coverage** throughout most of the Forest
- **Hiking trails** are generally open so long as access is not affected by a Forest Order, seasonal, or other closure (see link for Alerts & Notices above for current closures)
- Please visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/sequoia/recreation> or contact us via phone or email for current information on **recreational opportunities**
- Per Forest Order #0513-21-16, **camping in the Sequoia National Forest is limited to 14 days per every 30-day period.**
- For OHV use please have **red/green** sticker registration, approved spark arrestors. OHV sound testing will take place this year. 96 DBAs is the noise limit after January of 1986. Stay on Designated trails.

CAMPGROUNDS – The following camping areas are currently: **OPEN**

Most (see below) sites reservable via [recreation.gov](https://www.fs.usda.gov/recreation.gov) or by calling 877-444-6777 at least 5 days and up to 240 days in advance of the camping date. Some sites may be available on a first come, first served basis outside of the reservation window.

***Campgrounds with a single asterisk denote first come, first serve**

****a double asterisk indicates sites that accept America the Beautiful Pass**

Lake Isabella:		
Auxiliary Dam**	\$12	Daily passes sold at onsite kiosk; \$8/second vehicle
Camp 9*	\$25-\$200	Group sites; Boat launch ramp; RV dumpsite with automated fee collection; Boat Launch
Hungry Gulch	\$32	Reserve on Recreation.gov Campfires Allowed
Hanning Flat*	Free	Dispersed camping – not reservable
Old Isabella**	\$12	\$8/second vehicle; Boat launch ramp; RV dumpsite with automated fee collection
Paradise Cove	\$32	RV dumpsite (fee applies) Campfires Allowed
South Fork Recreation Area**	\$12	Daily passes sold at onsite kiosk; \$12/second vehicle; Boat launch ramp
Stine Cove*	Free	Dispersed camping – not reservable
Tillie Creek	\$32-	Group sites available; Boat launch ramp Campfires Allowed
Boulder Gulch	\$32	Reserve on Recreation.gov Campfires Allowed
French Gulch Group	\$413	Reserve on Recreation.gov Campfires Allowed

Upper Kern River:		
Ant Canyon*	Free	Dispersed camping – not reservable
Brush Creek*	Free	Dispersed camping – not reservable
Calkins Flat*	Free	Dispersed camping – not reservable
Chamise Flat*	Free	Dispersed camping – not reservable
Chico Flat*	Free	Dispersed camping – not reservable
Corral Creek*	Free	Dispersed camping – not reservable
Springhill*	Free	Dispersed camping – not reservable
Halfway	\$48-\$200	Group site(s) ONLY
Old Goldledge***	Free.	Dispersed camping – not reservable *for this summer only
Limestone	\$32	Maximum trailer length 30' Campfires Allowed
Fairview	\$32	Maximum trailer length 45' Campfires Allowed
Goldledge	\$32	Maximum trailer length 30' Campfires Allowed
Hospital Flat	\$32	Maximum trailer length 30' Campfires Allowed
Camp 3	\$32	Maximum trailer length 30' Campfires Allowed
Headquarters	\$32-\$100	Yurt rental available; Maximum vehicle length 27' Campfires Allowed. River sites
Day Use Areas:		
Corral Creek	Free	No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily
River Kern Beach	Free	No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily
Roads End Use	Free	No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily; Boat launch
Johnsondale Bridge	Free	No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily; Boat launch

Lower Kern River/Greenhorn Mountains:		
Breckenridge*	Free	OPEN; No water. NOT suitable for trailers; Not reservable (developed campsites)
Sandy Flat	\$32	OPEN; Boat put-in/take-out, Reserve on Recreation.gov Campfires Allowed
Evans Flat	Free	OPEN; Not reservable (developed campsites) No Water Campfires Allowed
Hobo	\$32	CLOSED; Reserve on Recreation.gov
Alder Creek	Free	CLOSED; Dispersed; No water
Cedar Creek	Free	CLOSED; Dispersed; No water

Current as of 6/29/2023

Kern Plateau:		
Horse Meadow	\$17*	OPEN ; First come first serve. \$17 a night. Non potable
Troy Meadow	\$17*	OPEN ; First come first serve. \$17 a night. Non potable
Fish Creek	\$17*	OPEN ; First come first serve. \$17 a night. Non potable

Piute Mountain Dispersed Camping:		
Landers Camp	Free*	OPEN ; First come first serve. No water
French Meadow	Free*	OPEN ; First come first serve. No water
Browns Meadow	Free*	OPEN ; First come first serve. No water

DAY USE – The following DAY USE AREAS

Day Use Areas:		
Note: Per FOREST ORDER NO. 0513-21-06 , effective from January 30, 2021, to January 29, 2023, Day Use areas are open from sunrise to sunset as determined according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Solar Calculator specifications for the city of Los Angeles: https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/grad/solcalc/		
	Use Fee	Notes
Delonegha	Free	No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily; Boat launch
Democrat	Free	No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily; Boat launch
Kissack Cove	Free	No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily; Boat launch
Upper Richbar	\$12	No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily
Lower Richbar	\$12	No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily
Live Oak North	\$12	No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily

Road Statuses	
Mountain 99	OPEN
Walker Pass (SR 178 East)	OPEN
SR 178 West (Bakersfield)	OPEN
SR 155 (Greenhorn Mountains)	CLOSED
Rancheria Road (25S15) from 178	OPEN
Sherman Pass (22S05) all the way!	OPEN
Sawmill Road (26S03)	OPEN
Old State Road	OPEN
Breckenridge (through Havilah)	OPEN
Piute Mountain Road	OPEN
Sierra Way Closed S. of Stine Cove	CLOSED

OHV Trail Statuses	
Cyrus Canyon OHV Park	OPEN
Greenhorn Mountains	OPEN
Breckenridge Mountain	OPEN
Piute Mountains	OPEN
Kern Plateau	OPEN
Scodie Mountains	OPEN